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Tax Republicans can redeem Jackson Ward if they try.

Laziness breeds all manner of evil. Young folks should avoid it.

We must be united in order to attain the greatest measure of success.

Religion is more than a notion, and Christian colored people are convinced of its efficacy.

We must continue to encourage politeness in our children. It will not do to be insulting.

The right to vote carries with it the right to fight. A denial of the former should take away the latter.

If looks like war, but time alone can tell whether or not there will be a commencement of hostilities.

The latest information from Tidewater shows Rev. G. G. G. standing in a mud-puddle with his head where his feet should be.

We have tens of thousands of white friends in this country, although the white "riff-raff" is against us. Let us take courage.

If we are to judge by President McKinley's appointments in this state, the combine has convinced him that there are no colored Republican residing in Virginia.

We have received an invitation to the sixth anniversary of Rev. W. P. Ginnos as pastor of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., March 28th, 1898.

It is disheartening to note the depravity of large numbers of the rising generation. Gambling and depravity hold sway amongst them. Parents seek powerless to work reform.

The large number of idle boys and girls on our street-corners is a menace to our future prosperity as a race. Some steps should be taken to reclaim them. Some plan put in operation for their employment.

The million and a half Baptists can beat the A. M. E. Church. Methodists too to one if they will. It must be done by skillful leadership and thorough organization. We might as well begin the task now.

Rev. SUTTON E. GIBSON evades a controversy with Rev. E. D. Lewis, B. D. And no wonder. He has lost his right to the title, Bachelor of Divinity, and is running around very much like a "cobb-tailed dog." We pity Brother Gibson.

We shall not believe that we will have war with Spain until we see hostilities commence. If it cost six hundred dollars to fire one of the guns of the war vessels, what will it cost to shoot off all the men in the meantime, folks at home will have to foot the bills.

We received an invitation to the complimentary social given by Mr. and Mrs. JAMES S. KNOX of Washington, April 1st at Old Fellows Hall in honor of the teachers of the 9th, 10th and 11th Divisions of the public schools of the District of Columbia.

HE BLUNDERS AGAIN.

Well, the "Tidewater Pygmy" admits in the VIRGINIA BAPTIST that he is "under the wing" of a certain "friend of ours."

This is the second time he has mentioned this fact and we presume that he seeks the approval of this person in question before sending forth those articles which have made him the "laughing stock" of the country.

He rises to explain that his references to us were not made in a spirit of commendation. We did not presume that they were.

The people have a perfect right to examine our title, to leadership, even

as we have a perfect right to pass upon his fitness for the "high calling."

Rev. Gibson should close his mouth on the whiskey-question after our review of the policy of the paper which he edits.

He reminds us of the preacher who was reprimanding a member of his church for chicken-stealing while from behind his coat-tails protruded the feet of one of the finest chickens in the "mansters barn-yard."

Mr. Gibson admits that the journal of which he is editor was bitterly opposed to the late Rev. W. B. BROWN. He admits that its policy changed suddenly, and concedes that he received a loan of \$800 from the deceased divine, but claims that the paper was not subsidized or influenced in any way by the money advanced to aid the enterprise. This is an explanation which does not explain.

It is stepping a long way into a hole and pulling the hole a long way after him. You'd better sit down now: your associates are tired.

THE RELIEF OF THE MURDERED OFFICIAL.

In the excitement of the moment, the frenzy of the hour, the murdered Postmaster BAKER is forgotten and the friends in the locality of Lake City, S. C., are ignored.

A proposition has been submitted for an appropriation of one million dollars to minister to the wants of the people of another clime.

No where do we see even a sign of hope that an appropriation will be made for the hapless family of the colored postmaster.

It leads one to despair of our country. Cuba has its woes and our people their sorrows. What will be done for the family of the government official who was so foolishly murdered in the discharge of his duty?

They are expecting that our people shall bear the brunt of the conflict in a war with Spain, but make no provision for our protection on American soil.

We await the action of the President. Will he recommend that these unfortunate people be provided for? This is the question and the Afro-Americans of the country await his decision.

A WEST CHESTER MYSTERY.

Mother and Her Little Son Found With Their Throats Cut.

West Chester, Pa., March 28.—Mrs. Isabel Ridgway, aged 28 years, and her son, a child of five years, were found dead in bed yesterday at the home of Charles Harley, near Dutton, Pa. The bodies were found by the neighbors. The child's head was cut by the bed. The dead mother and child were found by Harley, who said the dead was probably committed while he was harnessing a horse. According to the statements made the woman was about to become a mother. She had been married to Harley, and had lived in the house for about three years. Harley was getting the horse ready to take to Maryland, where she was to take the train for Philadelphia, to remain about three weeks. He is said to have been a woman who attended closely to her duties as housekeeper, and was of a retiring nature. Harley is a married man, but has not lived with his wife for some time. Some are of the opinion that the woman committed suicide after cutting the child's throat. The authorities, however, are making an investigation.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, March 24.

Three fishermen were killed by gas in a hotel room at New Bedford, Mass.

James Thompson and his wife were killed by gas in their shanty at Fresno, Cal.

The Oregon Populists threaten to bolt the State Republican, Democratic, Populist state convention.

Lieutenant Blandin, of the Maine, has reached his home in Baltimore. He is to be examined for the position of lieutenant commander.

Friday, March 25.

The building trades of Milwaukee on May 1 will make a united demand for an eight hour day.

The Chicago city council has limited the height of sky scraping buildings to ten stories, or 120 feet.

William Roberts, a night driver in the East collery, at Ashland, Pa., was crushed to death by a car.

John Holliday is in custody at Jersey City, accused of indicting and probably fatal injuries upon James Holden, aged 81 years.

Saturday, March 26.

Sixty Japanese who came from Victoria, B. C., are detained by the San Francisco immigration officer.

The Illinois free silver Democrats have organized the Monticello club to shape the party's policy in that state.

Three citizens of Gibson Station, 1, T., have been indicted, charged with the murder of E. D. Chalmers and wife near Wyckoff last Saturday.

The children of Dr. Ruiz, who, it is alleged, was killed by the Spaniards for Cuba, will prosecute a claim for damages against the Spanish government.

Monday, March 28.

The New York legislature will appropriate \$50,000 for good roads.

Commander Eugene D. F. Head, U. S. N., died at Annapolis yesterday.

John Simpkins, member of congress from Massachusetts, died in Washington Saturday night.

Reports of United States consuls show that 40,000 people have starved to death in Cuba.

The Paris Matin says the court of appeal will quash the conviction of Emile Zola and order a new trial.

P. W. Johnson, colored, has brought suit against a Montreal theater for excluding him on account of his color.

Mr. Onda, the famous mother of the late Charles Stewart Parnell and daughter of the famous American naval officer, Charles Stewart, died at Avondale, Ireland, aged 81.

Tuesday, March 29.

The condition of Fanny Davenport, the actress, lying dangerously ill in Chicago, is slightly improved.

Anton Seidl, the celebrated musical director, died at New York, presumably from poison, probably from eating fish.

A robbery of \$100,000 was committed by a family of six persons, including two little children, at Bernai, France. He confessed.

Freezing temperature in northwest Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory causes grave apprehension for the crops.

A London dispatch states that ex-Premier Gladstone is calmly awaiting death, having been informed that recovery is impossible.

At Cox Hill, a small hamlet near Belleville, Ont., Frederick and Granette Colby, aged 7 and 8, were killed by wild dogs while going to school.

Wednesday, March 30.

The new torpedo boat purchased in Germany has been named the Somers.

The public funeral of Lieutenant Jenkins, who lost his life in the Maine disaster, took place at Pittsburgh today.

A London dispatch states that the wreck of the schooner Julia A. Warr has been washed ashore on Long Island. It is believed that her crew perished.

The national senate has passed the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the industrial exposition to be held in Philadelphia.

Two more bodies have been taken from the ruins of the burned Hotel Building, Chicago, making a total of 13 thus far found.

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